

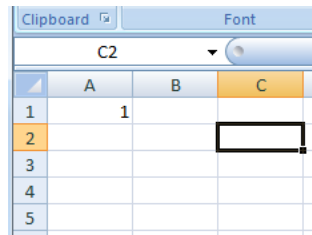
**Question:** How can I use AutoFill to increment numbers but leave a cell blank between them?

**Answer:** By highlight cells before using AutoFill

**Process (Excel 2003 and 2007):**

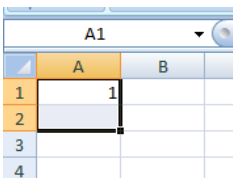
AutoFill is a very handy feature, and will try to fill other cells based on a possible pattern that it sees in the cell (or cells) that you select. You can therefore help AutoFill work out the pattern that you want by selecting a range of cells first before doing the fill.

In this example, I have entered the number 1 in cell A1:



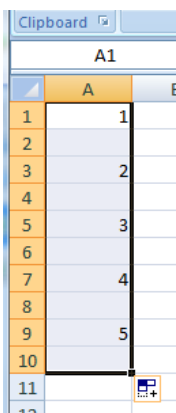
	A	B	C
1	1		
2			
3			
4			
5			

1 Click and drag across cells **A1 and A2** to select them



	A	B
1	1	
2		
3		
4		

2 Click and hold on the **AutoFill handle** in the bottom right hand corner of the selected cells and drag it down to row 10.



	A	B
1	1	
2		
3	2	
4		
5	3	
6		
7	4	
8		
9	5	
10		
11		

AutoFill keeps the pattern of INCREMENT/NO INCREMENT in the first two cells, and fills it down over the rows selected.